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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK NEGOTIATIONS

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- 1. MEA JOINT SECRETARY (PAKISTAN) CHIB TOLD POL COUNSELOR TODAY THAT ATMOSPHERE HAD IMPROVED FROM THAT ON FIRST DAY OF CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS(REFTEL). PAKISTANIS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED INDIAN PROPOSAL THAT ALL BENGALIS IN PAKISTAN, INCLUDING 203 BEING HELD FOR TRIAL, WOULD RETURN TO BANGLADESH. IN EXCHANGE, INDIANS WILL AGREE TO HOLD 195 PAK POWS SLATED TO BE TRIED IN DACCA UNTIL FINAL AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH ON DISPOSITION OF THESE MEN AND NOT TO HAND THEM OVER FOR TRIAL UNTIL SUCH AGREEMENT REEACHED. THIS IN EFFECT REMOVES OBSTACLES POSED BY TRIALS.
- 2. BIHARI QUESTION STILL UNRESOLVED AND DESCRIPTION CONTAINED REFTEL CONTINUES APPLY. INDIANS APPEAR FROM CHIB'S REMARKS CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BE TRYING TO GET SOME PRINCIPLED BASIS FOR HANDLING BIHARIS,

SUCH AS ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE FOR BENGALIS, BUT THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO SIMPLE ARBITRARY FIXING OF NUMBER WITHOUT ANY LOGICAL BASE. CHIB SAID IT WOULD BE DECIDED AT TODAY'S MEETING, OR AT LATEST TOMORROW, WHETHER COMPROMISE ON BIHARIS COULD BE ARRIVED AT.

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